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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, give our lawmakers today high aspirations as You lift their thoughts above everything that would keep them from fulfilling Your purpose for them. Let Your blessings be upon them, enabling them to know the joy of giving You their whole heart.

Lord, we are grateful that Your power extends beyond humanity's powers and achievements, for Your thoughts are as high above our reflections as the heavens are above the Earth. Give us serenity of mind in spite of life's tensions and tumult, so that we will find the paths of peace.

Again, Lord, we ask You to bless the victims and families of the explosions in Boston and Texas. We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable PATRICK LEAHY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY). The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 this evening. Senators will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. At 5:30 there will be a vote on the motion to proceed to S. 743, the Marketplace Fairness Act.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent there be a moment of silence at 2:50 p.m. today for the purpose of honoring the victims of the Boston bombings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMENDING BOSTON'S LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I commend the law enforcement officials at the city, State, and local level for their incredible response to last week's traumatic and horrifying events at the Boston Marathon, and for hours following that all over the Boston metropolitan area.

A week that began with this unspeakable tragedy, the death of three innocents, ended with the death of one suspect in the Boston bombing mara-

thon and the capture of the other. Capturing those suspects would have been impossible without the hard work and bravery of countless law enforcement personnel as well as the cooperation and fortitude of the people of Boston. They are Boston strong.

Our hearts extend to the family of 26-year-old Sean Collier, the young MIT officer who was simply sitting in his car and was so callously killed by these bombing murderers. Our thoughts this week are with Richard Donohue, the transit police officer who was wounded during the manhunt by these terrorists.

We once again extend hope for recovery of those injured in last week's senseless bombings and our condolences to lost loved ones. The U.S. Government and Americans across the Nation pledge our continued support for the people of Massachusetts as they recuperate from a truly trying week.

### SEQUESTRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Americans arriving at the airport—almost any airport in America—to take off on their summer vacations already face long lines at security checkpoints. Soon they will be facing long waits at the terminal as well. Last week the Federal Aviation Administration announced that starting this week thousands of flights every day will be delayed for up to 3 hours.

Because of the devastating, arbitrary cuts of sequestration, the FAA is forced to furlough tens of thousands of workers. These furloughs could lead to

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